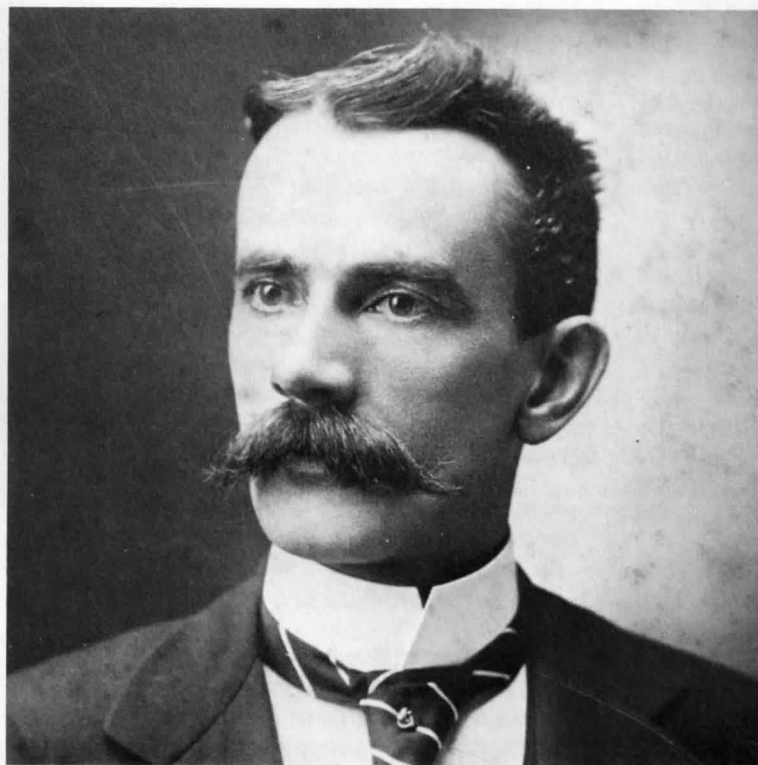


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Frederick George Rathbun
(1862-1903)

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Letter from the Editor

We are planning a busy year as I write this. Next month, 39 of us will be on our way to England for our long-awaited "Family Roots" tour. (See details, page 19).

When we return, in early June, we will be getting ready for our Association's Third National Family Reunion, to be held August 19-24 at Rapid City, S.D. (Details on page 19).

Our membership took a sharp drop from the 1986 total of 490. As in the past, some 10 percent of the members failed to renew, but new members are filling the gap and we are now up to 470. I still have hopes of reaching that elusive goal of 500 members!

Our computer mailing house gave us an interesting breakdown by state of our 1986 membership list. California led the list with 76. Next in line was New York with 35.

Other states with large membership included Texas, with 23; Rhode Island and Kansas, with 21 each; Connecticut, with 19; Colorado and Nebraska with 18 each, and Michigan and Ohio, with 17 each. Other states with 10 or more members were Minnesota, with 16; Massachusetts, 15; Wisconsin and Washington, 14 each; Illinois, 13; Iowa, 12, and Arizona, Florida and Maryland with 10 each.

In all, we had members in every state except Alaska, Delaware, Maine, New Mexico, North Dakota and West Virginia. There were 146 Rathbuns, 17

Rathbones and 14 Rathburns. The other 213 surnames ranged from Adams to Zook.

Our Association, now in its sixth year, has a long list of accomplishments, including two national reunions, a \$2,500 monument to our ancestors in the Block Island cemetery, and of course our quarterly Historian, which is rated one of the finest of its kind.

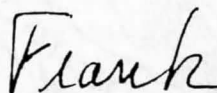
We are now about to embark on a new and exciting project which may be a "first" for any family association. Members John Bowen and Donald Landis, both computer experts, are going to computerize our entire family genealogy. It will be a long and complex undertaking, but when completed it will enable any researcher with a computer to "tap" the family tree.

To make the resulting "database" even more valuable, Rob Rathbun is contributing computerized records of all Rathbun-Rathbone-Rathburn daughters and their families. We decided early on not to include daughters' children in our genealogy section, in the interest of space. Had we included them, we would still be in the fourth generation, rather than the sixth.

The end result, probably several years away, will be made available to our members and to libraries, and will offer a unique research tool in coming years, as the "computer age" continues to evolve.

As a genealogist, I was most impressed recently by the obituary of a 91-year-old woman (not one of our relatives) who was survived by four of her 10 children, and by 78 grandchildren, 188 great-grandchildren, 156 great-great-grandchildren, and 24 great-great-great-grandchildren — a total of 450 living descendants!

My very best wishes to you all for a wonderful summer, and I hope to see many of you in Rapid City.



Story Describes Major Rathbone's Assassination Role

A spring house-cleaning at the American Legion Clubhouse in Beatrice, Neb., uncovered a bit of American history which concerns one of our family. A yellowed newspaper clipping in a long-unopened box gave an account of President Abraham Lincoln's assassination by an eye-witness, David Dorn, of Beatrice.

It mentions Major Henry Rathbone who was with Lincoln that fateful night of April 14, 1865. Rathbone and his fiancée, Clara Harris (who was also his step-sister), had been chosen to accompany President and Mrs. Lincoln.

"I was sitting right across the theater from the president's box and saw the whole tragedy," Dorn said in the article. "I was on crutches (from a wound suffered earlier in one of the Civil War battles).

"I noticed that Mr. Lincoln was laughing at something in the play. Just then I noticed the curtains in the rear of Mr. Lincoln's box pulled apart, and I looked squarely at the man as he came in. At first I thought he was one of the theater attendants bringing in a glass of water

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Fun-Filled Agenda Planned for Reunion in Rapid City

Reservations are still coming in for our Third National Family Reunion next August 19-24 at Rapid City, S.D. Although we set March 31 as the deadline, there is still time to register if you already haven't. Forms were included with the last Historian, but if you mislaid them, just write and we will send you a new set.

We have planned a five-day program beginning with a get-acquainted reception on the evening of August 19 in our reunion headquarters, the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge.

Working with us on plans for the event are Terry Rathbun and Grove and Janet Rathbun.

Theme of the reunion will be "Settling the Far West," with emphasis on the roles of our early family members in the westward migration. In our next issue, we will have stories on various Rathbuns, Rathbones and Rathburns who were early settlers in the West, including several in the Rapid City area.

On Thursday, August 20, we will board busses for a day-long tour of the

Black Hills, with a stop at the awesome rock sculptures on Mount Rushmore.

Friday will be spent in the Motor Lodge, beginning in the morning with our traditional family heirloom display. Be sure to bring along some of your family mementos — early pictures, bibles, documents, any small items of special family interest.

On Friday afternoon, we will continue a tradition begun at our 1985 reunion — a family history seminar, led by Professor K. Haybron Adams. The idea was well received at Des Moines, and will be expanded this year to include discussion of individual questions on research.

In the evening, we will meet in the Lodge's main banquet room for a prime-rib dinner, a brief program, and a slideshow on the westward migration of the late 1800s and our family's role in settling the west. John Bowen, who did such a fine job with his slideshow at Des Moines in 1985, is still seeking pictures to use in his presentation this year. Let

us know if you have early family pictures of people, houses, stores, farms etc. of the 1850-1900 period. We will pay all copying costs.

On Saturday, we will again board busses for a day-long tour of the wild and haunting Badlands area, with lunch at the world-famous Wall Drug Store.

Sunday will be a free day for individual exploring and meeting with new-found cousins or old friends from previous reunions. In the evening, another bus trip is planned to nearby Spearfish, where we will see that city's world-famous Passion Play, which has been staged every year since the 1930s, with a cast of hundreds.

You may join in any or all of these various side trips, or you may want to do some sightseeing or shopping on your own.

Plan now to be with us for this fun-filled reunion. Meet your cousins from all over the country, and share in our efforts to relive our family's role in the early settlement of the Great West.

English 'Family Roots' Tour All Set!

On May 25, thirty-nine of us will fly to London's Heathrow Airport to begin a 10-day "Family Roots" tour which should be a truly unforgettable experience.

Our travels will take us first to the little town of Charlbury near Oxford, where 81-year-old William Rathbone the Ninth will be our host for lunch and a tour of his home. We will see his impressive collection of old Rathbone portraits and other family heirlooms.

Near Oxford, we will also visit the ancient church at Shipton-on-Cherwell and the 1613 burial plaque of John Rathbone, born about 1550. (See story in our April 1985 issue). Near the church is a centuries-old manor house once owned by the Rathbones.

Then on to the medieval walled city of Chester, home in the middle ages of the earliest persons bearing our surname. Early Rathbones in Chester served as aldermen, sheriffs and mayors from the 1400s to the 1600s.

With Chester as our base for two days, we will explore the surrounding area by bus, visiting such landmarks as the imposing Beeston Castle, built in 1220, where one of our early cousins, Kenrick Rayeboun (Rathbone), served in 1312 as a bowman in the castle garrison for four pence a day.

Our next stop will be Liverpool, just north of Chester, which has been the seat of a prominent Rathbone family for 250 years. We will visit the old but remodeled offices of Rathbone Brothers,

a shipping firm founded in the early 1700s and still operated by the family (See stories in our Historians of Oct. 1984, Jan. 1985 and April 1985). We will have lunch at the old Rathbone estate of Greenbank, now owned by the University of Liverpool.

Our guide for the Liverpool tour will be Sebastian Rathbone, now head of Rathbone Brothers.

In the evening, we will split up into small groups to have dinner in the homes of various Liverpool-area Rathbones.

On Sunday, May 31, we will attend services at the ancient Farnworth Chapel, near Ditton, where our ancestors worshipped 400 years ago, and

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Composer Frederick Rathbun Wrote Music in 'Gay Nineties'

Members of our family have achieved fame and recognition in many fields — military, religion and government to name a few. This is the story of a cousin who was a musician and became one of the most prolific composers of his day — the "Gay Nineties" period of the last century.

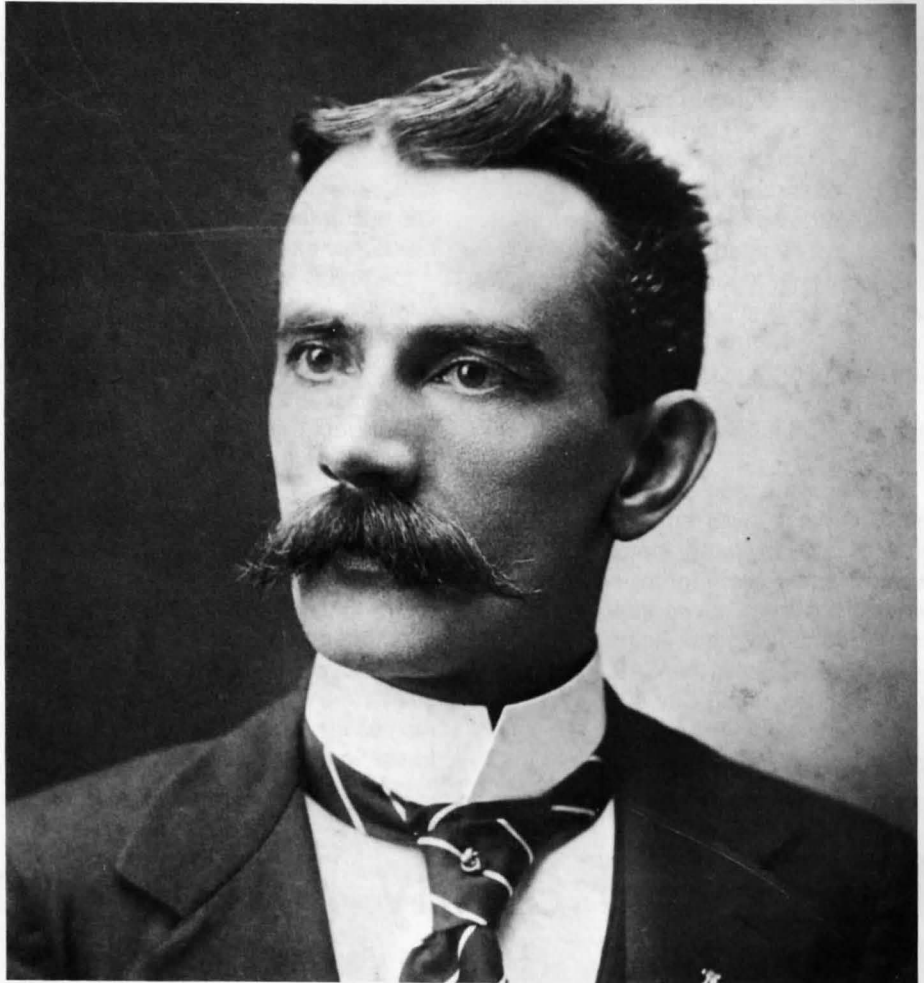
Frederick George Rathbun was born Feb. 21, 1862, in South Lee, Mass., the son of Nathan Egbert⁸ Rathbun (Nathan⁷ Nathaniel⁶ Samuel⁵ Nathaniel⁴⁻³ John²⁻¹).

As a boy, he displayed a remarkable talent for music, and in the early 1880s studied at the New England Conservatory. In August 1883, he was married in Massachusetts to Ida S. Warren, and they moved to Virginia, where he accepted a position as organist for St. John's Episcopal Church in Hampton. He also contracted to teach music at the Hampton Institute.

Frederick and Ida made their home in nearby Virginia City, where they had four children in the next 12 years.

In his spare time, Rathbun began composing music and writing new arrangements for old favorites. In 1885, one of his compositions, a march entitled, "Wythe Rifles Quickstep," was published by the Disc Company, of Philadelphia, launching what was to become a busy and successful composing career. In the next 15 years, he produced scores of compositions, including marches, polkas, mazurkas, hymns and spirituals.

Among some of his delightful titles were A Song of May, Bells of Dreamland, Dance in the Meadow, Happy Hearts, Jolly Huntsman and Youthful Joy. Most of his compositions were written for piano, but many were for vocal solos, chorus and bands. One of his most famous works is the hymn, "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say," which was beautifully sung by Muriel (Rathbun) Mercer at our 1983 reunion on Block Island.



*Frederick G. Rathbun
(1862-1903)*

In 1891, Putnam's of New York published his "Cabin and Plantation Songs as Sung by Hampton Students." Thomas Fenner, one of his friends and associates, was listed as a co-arranger. It proved so popular that Putnam's issued another edition in 1901. A reprint was published as recently as 1977. In 1893, Gay Publishers of Boston published Rathbun's "Slave Songs of the South," which proved immensely popular. He was busy composing new works in 1898, when tragedy struck.

On Feb. 28, 1898, his wife, Ida, died at the age of 37, leaving him with four young children — Alma, 13; Edna, 8; Clara, 5, and Frederick Jr., 3 months.

Rathbun's family rallied to his support in this trying time. His parents, Nathan and Ellen, moved to Virginia City from Stockbridge, Mass., to help him raise the children. His younger brother, Frank, moved from New York to be near. His sister, Nellie, was already living in Hampton with her husband, James M. Haines.

A RED, RED ROSE

ROBERT BURNS

Theme by F.G. Rathbun
JAMES H. ROGERS.

Allegretto

Portion of music from an arrangement of Robert Burns' "A Red, Red Rose," arranged by Frederick G. Rathbun, written by James H. Rogers and published by the Theodore Presser Company.

The 1900 census shows Frederick, his parents and the four children living in Virginia City. Frank was living nearby with his wife and young daughter.

But tragedy continued to dog the family. Frank died in 1901, aged 29, and two years later, Frederick G. Rathbun died, on Sept. 14, 1903, aged 41. His simple grave marker records that Rathbun was "For nearly 20 years the accomplished organist of St. John's Church, Hampton, Va."

The grieving grandparents, Nathan and Ellen Rathbun, took over the task of raising the four children, but Nathan died in 1907, leaving Ellen to carry on alone. She was still living in Virginia City in 1910 with the two youngest — Clara, 17, and Frederick Jr., 13.

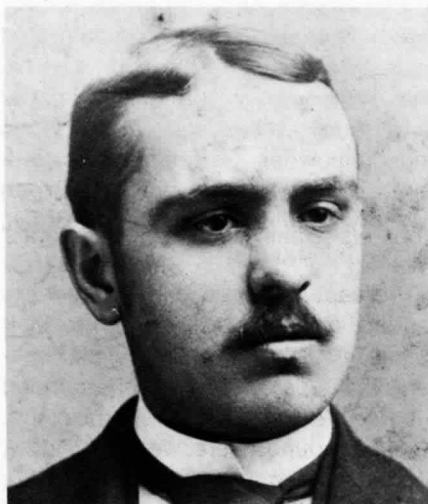
Early death continued to strike. Clara died in 1913, aged 20, and another sister, Edna, died in 1914, aged 24. This branch of our family was not long-lived.

Frederick Rathbun Jr., son of the composer, returned to Massachusetts, and was married twice. We have been unable to locate any descendants. Noth-

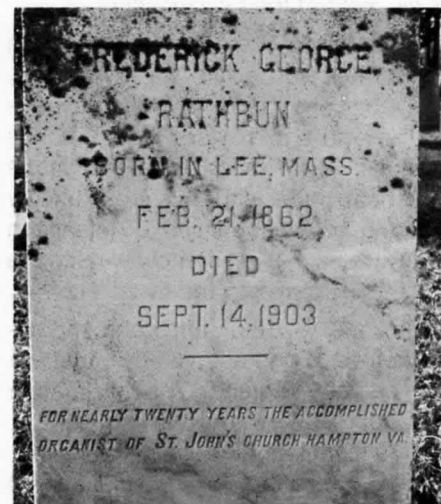
ing more is known of the composer's oldest daughter, Alma, born in 1885.

(We thank two of our members for information on Frederick G. Rathbun. Helen M. Rathbun, of Cranston, R.I., an organist and pianist in her own right, first brought his career to our attention, and

researched his ancestry and early works. Frederick L. Haines of Bainbridge, Ga., a descendant of Rathbun's sister, Nellie, provided pictures and later data on his life, and found his tombstone at St. John's churchyard, in Hampton, Va.)



Frank L. Rathbun
(1872-1901)



Tombstone of Frederick G. Rathbun at
St. John's Church, Hampton, Va.

War of 1812 Was Aptly Called The War That Nobody Won

In past issues, we have reviewed our family's role in early American wars — the French and Indian War (Jan. 1983) and the Revolutionary War (Oct. 1983 and Jan. 1984). This story covers the War of 1812, one of the least-known wars in American history, and the members of our family who are known to have served during that war.

The War of 1812 was probably the least justified of all our nation's wars, and until Vietnam, the least popular. It was pushed primarily by a group of western and southern Congressmen, known as the "War Hawks," whose goal was to obtain possession of Lower Canada and of West Florida, which then extended to the Mississippi River.

In New England and the Eastern Seaboard states, where merchants, shopkeepers and sailors enjoyed a thriving trade with England, there was strong opposition to the war.

The immediate cause of hostilities was the British practice of stopping American ships at sea to "impress" crewmen believed to be English deserters or English citizens subject to naval service. In their zeal, they sometimes seized Americans who could not produce proof of their citizenship.

The United States was also being encouraged to declare war by France, then hotly engaged with England in one of their perennial wars over colonial markets. The French, who had made American independence possible by sending troops and ships to America in the Revolutionary War, now wanted the Americans to return the favor.

On June 18, 1812, after long and bitter debate, Congress voted to declare war against England. The declaration was approved 19 to 13 in the Senate, and 79 to 49 in the House of Representatives, indicating the strong national division on the issue.

Almost immediately, an invasion of Canada was launched, under the di-

rection of General William Hull, army commander in the Northwest Territory. Three regiments totaling 1200 men were raised in Ohio and surrounding areas, and were marched to Fort Detroit for the invasion.

Among the recruits was Private Elijah Rathbun, 29, of Granville, Ohio, who enlisted in the Third Ohio Volunteer Regiment. The son of William⁵ Rathbun (Daniel⁴ William³⁻² John¹), he had moved to Ohio from Connecticut only seven years earlier.

WAR!

On July 12, 1812, General Hull's army crossed the Detroit River and launched its invasion of Canada. It turned out to be a fiasco. Poor planning, poor communications, lack of supplies and untrained troops combined to spell disaster. The Americans were routed by British troops and Canadian militia, aided by Indian allies, and retreated back across the river to Fort Detroit. They were soon surrounded and under siege. A few weeks later, short on food and gunpowder, General Hull surrendered Detroit and the entire Michigan Territory to British General Isaac Brock, without firing a shot.

The captured American troops were paroled, and allowed to return to their homes. Among them was Elijah Rathbun, who apparently had been wounded during either the "invasion" or the siege. What his wounds were, we do not know, but he died two years later, on July 20, 1814, "from the effects of a wound."

General Hull was court-martialed and convicted of cowardice for his role in the

surrender. He was sentenced to be hung, but was later pardoned in view of his age (61) and his service in the Revolutionary War.

Action in the war then moved to the New York-Canadian border near Niagara Falls. Another attempt to invade Canada was launched on October 13, 1812, by American troops under the command of General Stephen Van Renssalaer. His army crossed the Niagara River and attacked the British fort at Queenstown Heights.

In the lead boat with Col. Solomon Van Renssalaer was Lt. Samuel Brown Rathbone, 27, the son of Wait⁴ Rathbone (Joshua³ John²⁻¹), and an 1808 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Landing under intense fire, the Americans fought their way up to the fort and captured it. Among the many wounded were Col. Van Renssalaer and Lt. Rathbone. The colonel recovered, but Rathbone died two months later in the military hospital at Fort Niagara. He was cited for gallantry by General Van Renssalaer.

Also a casualty of the battle was another 27-year-old lieutenant, John Valteau, whose sister was married to Lt. Samuel Rathbone's brother. Valteau was wounded by cannon fire during the river crossing, and died on the beach. His body was found later, scalped by some of the Indian allies of the British.

Ninety Americans died in the attack, which proved to have been in vain. British troops recaptured the fort later in the day, and took nearly 1000 American prisoners. General Van Renssalaer resigned his commission and returned to civilian life.

The frustrated Americans now gave up their plans to invade Canada, and soon found themselves on the defensive. On May 27, 1813, British troops crossed the St. Lawrence River and attacked the American base at Sackett's Harbor, N.Y. The poorly trained New York militia fled as the British ap-



Jacob Jennings Brown (1775-1828), a militia colonel in New York State who was promoted to general and became one of the best military tacticians in American history. He led his troops to victory after victory along the Niagara frontier during the War of 1812. He was later commander-in-chief of the U.S. Army from 1821 until his death. He married Pamela Williams, whose sister, Mary, married Amos⁵ Rathbun (Amos⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹).

proached, and another disaster seemed imminent.

The day was saved by an unlikely hero — General Jacob Jennings Brown, a quaker schoolteacher with no military background, who had become a militia general by virtue of his position as a wealthy land speculator and merchant. Brown had the rare knack of knowing how to lead men. He rallied the panicked militia, and led them in a spirited counter-charge which finally forced the British to give up the attack.

General Brown became one of the major heroes of the war, and later was named commander in chief of the entire American Army. His wife was a sister of Mary Williams, who was married to Amos⁵ Rathbun (Amos⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹).

British and Canadian troops continued their attacks on American forts and cities in New York. They burned Buffalo and Lewistown in December, and raided many other towns. Local mili-



Theophilus Washington Smith (1784-1846), deputy quartermaster-general of the 11th NY Regiment in 1813, and adjutant general in 1814 on Long Island. Smith moved to Illinois in 1817 and served on the Illinois Supreme Court for 25 years. He married Clarissa Harlowe Rathbone, daughter of John⁵ Rathbone (John⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹). Picture courtesy of our member Mrs. Rosalind Askin, a descendant of Theophilus and Clarissa Smith.

tia were frequently called out during this period, and many of our family in New York State were among those called.

In August 1814, British ships sailed up Chesapeake Bay and landed 4000 troops in Maryland. The army advanced on Washington and on August 22 the nation's capital was evacuated. On August 24, the British soldiers entered the city and set fire to the Capitol, White House and other government buildings. They marched out the next day, leaving a smoking city and an embarrassed nation.

Oddly, one of our cousins had just died in a Washington hospital only two weeks earlier. Private Titus Rathbun, 21-year-old son of Solomon⁵ Rathbun (Job⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹), died August 10. He had been serving in a New York regiment, and how he ended up in Washington is not known.

The last major battles in the north came in the summer of 1814. The Americans made one last attempt to invade

Canada, and on July 3 captured Fort Erie, just across the Niagara River from Buffalo. They found themselves trapped in the fort when a large force of British and Canadians surrounded it on August 1, and began a long siege to force the Americans to surrender. The Americans, however, were now commanded by General Jacob Brown, who did not believe in surrender.

As the siege continued, and supplies ran low, General Brown sent foraging parties out to slip through the British lines and bring back whatever food they could find. Among a 16-man team sent out on August 4 was Private John Clark Rathbun, 21, the son of Ebenezer⁵ Rathbun (Thomas⁴ Jonathan³ William² John¹), who had enlisted in May to serve in Col. Isaac Stone's New York Volunteers.

Five miles from the fort, Rathbun's team ran into a company of British cavalry. The Americans fought bravely, but were soon overcome. The fate of the others is unknown, but Rathbun was captured after an especially bloody fight. He suffered a sabre cut on the head, which fractured his skull; another on the left shoulder, which cut through his shoulder blade, and a bullet wound in his left thigh. The war was over for Rathbun. He was sent to Halifax, Nova Scotia, as a prisoner, and spent the next six months in British hospitals and prisons. He was released in April 1815 and returned to his home in Lima, N.Y., in September of that year.

During the Fort Erie siege, General Brown picked another of our early cousins for an even more important mission — to pose as a deserter and make the British think the Americans were about to surrender.

For this delicate project, General Brown chose Albert Rathbone, a young sergeant then only 17 years old. Albert was the son of Wait⁶ Rathbone (Wait⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹), and a nephew of Lt. Samuel B. Rathbone (mentioned earlier), who was fatally wounded at the Battle of Queenstown Heights. Albert had been enrolled in a private school at Rutland, Vt., when the war drew near, and although only 15 years old, he desperately wanted to enlist. His father, naturally enough, refused to give permission.

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In May 1812, a month before war was declared, Albert left his school to visit relatives in New Hampshire. While there, he found an Army recruiter, and volunteered to enlist, falsely giving his age as 18. He must have been a large, mature and self-confident young man. His enlistment record describes him as five feet eight inches tall, with blue eyes, light hair and a light complexion.

Rathbone did exceptionally well in the Army, and by the end of the year, shortly after his 16th birthday, he was promoted to corporal, and then to sergeant. In December, 1815, he was assigned to the Company of Capt. Valentine Rathbun Goodrich, a distant cousin, the son of Ezekiel Goodrich and Eunice⁵ Rathbun (Valentine⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹). Early in 1814, the company joined General Brown's Army and participated in several battles. Captain Goodrich was killed in one of them. In July, Sergeant Albert Rathbone found himself among the troops besieged at Fort Erie.

General Brown must have had great confidence in young Rathbone to pick him for such a mission. Albert and a companion slipped out of the fort one night early in September, and made their way to the British lines. There, they told British officers that the Americans were discouraged, demoralized and about to surrender.

The British commander took the bait, and relaxed his guard, to await the Americans' offer of surrender. Instead, on Sept. 17, a company of volunteers made a surprise charge out of the fort against the main British encampment. The English commander, thinking he was under attack by strong American reinforcements, ordered his men to withdraw. The siege had been broken.

British officers soon realized that they had been tricked, and immediately arrested Rathbone and his companion, and took them along as prisoners with the retreating forces. The two ended up in a Canadian prison.

Because of the delicate nature of their mission, even their immediate superiors did not know of it, and Rathbone was listed as a deserter. He managed to escape early the following year, and returned to duty in April 1815. He was immediately commissioned a lieutenant by order of General Brown. Rathbone

was assigned to the quartermaster corps, but with the war over, he found himself bored.

Discharged on June 16, at Sackett's Harbor, he went to New York City where early in 1816 he joined a group of adventurers headed for South America to join the Latin-American fight for independence from Spain. Somewhere in South America, he was killed in action, or died of wounds or disease — date, place and circumstances unknown. He possibly served in the Army of General Simon Bolivar, the "George Washington" of Latin-America.

Although American and British negotiators in Ghent, Belgium, had signed a peace treaty on Dec. 24, 1814, word did not reach America in time to head off the Battle of New Orleans on Jan. 18, 1815. General Andrew Jackson's Army routed the British, with only 13 American deaths, to nearly 300 on the English side.

The war had cost our young nation nearly 200 million dollars. It ravaged the national economy, as wars do, and resulted in drastic cuts in both imports and exports. Merchants, bankers, farmers and laborers all suffered, and national bankruptcy was dangerously near when hostilities ended.

Some 2260 American soldiers, sailors and marines died in the war, and

thousands more were injured or maimed, many for life. Hospital facilities and treatment of the wounded and sick were woefully inadequate. Typical is the sad story of Private Herman Fisher, who later married Lois Rathbun Whittlesley, daughter of Samuel Whittlesley and Huldah⁵ Rathbun (Daniel⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹).

Fisher was shot in the leg, just below the knee, on July 25, 1814, at the Battle of Lundy's Lane. No hospital facilities were available, and he and dozens of other wounded soldiers were laid on blankets in crowded tents. It was a rainy period, and the tents leaked badly. The wounded men lay half soaked on wet blankets for weeks. Under such conditions, Fisher's leg became infected, gangrene developed and surgeons finally had to saw his leg off above the knee. There were no pain-killers, and a shot of whiskey was probably all he had to see him through the ordeal.

Despite his misfortune, Fisher lived another 22 years with one leg, and died in 1836 in his early forties.

And what did the war, and such suffering, accomplish? Virtually nothing! The attempts to annex Canada proved futile, as did plans to acquire western Florida (this finally came in 1821, without war).

The War of 1812 has been aptly called by one historian, "The War That Nobody Won!"

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

KNOW YE, That *Jeremiah Rathbone* a *Private* of
Captain *Henry Whittings* Company *Second* Regiment of
Infantry who was *Enlisted* the *seventh* day of *July* one
thousand eight hundred and *twelve* to serve *Five Years*
is hereby **HONORABLY DISCHARGED** from the Army of the United States.

Said *Jeremiah Rathbone* was born in *Westburgh* in the state
of *New York* is *twenty eight* years of age *five* feet *eight* inches high,
light complexion, *blue* eyes, *light* hair, and by occupation when enlisted a *Private*

Given at *Sackett's Harbor* this *twelfth* day of *July*, 1817.

George H. B. 1809
Cal E. 1817

Honorable Discharge of Jeremiah Rathbone who served from 1812 to 1817 in the regular U.S. Army. He was the son of Jeremiah⁴ Rathbun (Joseph³⁻² John¹). The discharge is in his widow's Land Bounty File in the National Archives.

List of Our Family Members Who Fought in War of 1812

Following is a list of all our known family members who served in the War of 1812. They were privates unless otherwise specified. To save space, dates of service have not been given. If you have an ancestor listed, and would like more information on his service, send us a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

ALBERT RATHBONE (1796-1818?), son of Wait⁵ (Wait⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹). Served in Capt. John Weeks' Co., Col. Moody Bedel's 11th Regt. US Infantry; corporal and sergeant, Capt. Valentine Goodrich's Company, Col. Isaac Clark's Regt.; lieutenant, quartermaster division, under General Jacob Brown. (See story of his military career in main article).

ALVIN RATHBUN (1791-1856), son of Daniel⁶ (William⁵ Daniel⁴ William³⁻² John¹). Sergeant in Womelsdorf's Ohio Mounted Regiment.

AMIZIAH RILEY RATHBUN (1789-1872), son of Job⁴ (Benjamin³ Joseph² John¹). Served in Capt. Richard Lord's Co. of Gen. David Denning's Conn. Militia Brigade.

AMOS RATHBUN (1792-1824), son of Clark⁵ (Jonathan⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹). Served in Col. Hayes' 3rd Ohio Brigade.

ANDERSON RATHBUN (1777-1830+), son of Joshua⁵ (Joshua⁴ Jonathan³ John²⁻¹). Served in Dutton's 2nd Regt. of NY Militia.

ARNON RATHBONE (1790-1863), son of David⁵ (John⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹). Served as a drummer in Capt. John O'Hara's Co. of Col. Henry Bloom's 1st Regt. of NY Militia.

BALDWIN RATHBUN (1785-1847), son of Thomas⁴ (Thomas³ Samuel² John¹). Drummer in Tracy's 20th Conn. Militia, later in Capt. Spencer Lyons' Co. of Col. Roswell Adams' Conn. Regt.

BENJAMIN RATHBUN (1787-1854), son of Samuel⁵ Nathaniel⁴⁻³ John²⁻¹). Served in Capt. Eli Bacon's Co. of Col. Thompson Mead's 17th NY Regt.

BENJAMIN RATHBUN (1788-1840), son of William⁴ (Job³ Joseph² John¹). Captain in Major Simon Bacon's Battalion of NY Militia; promoted to major after the war.

CHAPLIN RATHBUN (1793-1865), son of Jonathan⁵ (Jonathan⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹). Served in Blakeslee's Regt. of NY Volunteers.

CHARLES RATHBUN (1794-1869), son of Simeon⁴ (Benjamin³ Joseph² John¹). Served in Capt. Gaston Comstock's Co. of Col. Israel Stoddard's NY Militia; described as five feet, ten inches tall, with dark brown hair, gray eyes and light complexion.

CORNELIUS RATHBUN (1792-1862), son of William⁴ (Job³ Joseph² John¹). Served as lieutenant in Major Simon Bacon's Battalion of NY Militia; promoted to captain after the war.

DAVID TAYLOR RATHBUN (1792-1865?), son of Stephen⁵ (Thomas⁴ Ebenezer³ William² John¹). Served in the Third R.I. Regt.

DEMARCUS RATHBUN (1788-1878), son of Solomon⁵ (Job⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹). Served in Capt. Archibald Campbell's Co. of Col. Hugh Dobbins' 2nd NY Regt.

EBENEZER RATHBUN (1791-1824), son of Ebenezer⁴ (Ebenezer³ William² John¹). Served under Capt. William Palmer in Col. Buckley's 24th Conn. Militia.

EDMUND RATHBUN (1794-1881), son of Edmund⁵ (Jonathan⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹). Served under Capt. Levi Dunn in Col. Hugh Dobbins' 2nd NY Regt.

EDWARD RATHBUN (possibly Edward Rathbun 1776-1825), son of Amos⁴ (Joshua³ John²⁻¹). Served in Miller's 36th NY Regt.

ELIJAH RATHBUN (1783-1814), son of William⁵ (Daniel⁴ William³⁻² John¹). Served under Capt. Levi Rose in Col. Cass' 3rd Ohio Volunteer Regt. Died of wounds suffered in the defense of Fort Detroit.

ELIJAH RATHBUN (1783-1861), son of Thomas⁴ (Thomas³ Samuel² John¹). Served under Capts. Amherst Reynolds and John Avery in Col. Roswell Adams' 8th Conn. Regt.

ELIJAH RATHBUN JR. (possibly Elisha Rathbun 1782-1857), son of Elijah⁴ (Samuel³⁻² John¹). Served in Tracy's 20th Conn. Regt.

ELIHU RATHBUN (1794-1890), son of Solomon⁵ (Job⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹). Served in the War according to Cooley's Rathbone Genealogy, probably in a Pennsylvania Regt.

ELISHA RATHBUN (1787-1818?), son of John⁵ (Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹). Served under Capts. Henry Crittenden, Caleb Holden and David Carney in Kentucky Infantry Regts.

ERASTUS RATHBUN (1795-1876), son of Joseph⁵ (Jonathan⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹). Enlisted in the NY Militia but took sick and never served on active duty.

ERASTUS RATHBUN (1779-1829), son of Thomas⁴ (Thomas³ Samuel² John¹). Served under Capt. Amherst Reynolds in Howe's Regt. of Conn. Militia.

GEORGE WHITEFIELD RATHBUN (1782-1850+), son of Job⁴ (Joshua³ John²⁻¹). Served as major in General Alexander Rea's NY Regt.

GIDEON RATHBUN (1792-1836), son of Job⁵ (Gideon⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹). Served in Capt. Shaver's Rifle Co. in the Ohio Militia.

GIDEON H. RATHBUN (1776-1862), son of Tibbets⁵ (John⁴⁻³ Thomas² John¹). Served in Capt. John Gregory's Co. of Col. Putnam Harrington's NY Militia Regt.

HARRIS (?) RATHBUN (Possibly the Horace Rathbun, unidentified, who died in Auburn, NY, in 1817). Served in Capt. John Smith's Co. of Harris' 1st NY Militia Regt.

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HENRY RATHBUN (1796-1865), son of Gideon⁵ (Gideon⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹). Served in Col. Philetus Swift's 71st NY Militia Regt.

ISAIAH RATHBUN (1792-1864), son of Ashley⁵ (Isaiah⁴ Jonathan³ John²⁻¹). Served as a sergeant in Capt. Whiting's Co. of the 23rd NY Regt., U.S. Infantry. Described as six feet tall, with blue eyes and brown, curly hair.

JAMES RATHBUN (possibly James Rathbun, 1781-1865), son of James⁵ (James⁴⁻³ Samuel² John¹). Served as a seaman in Capt. Pexcel Fowler's Sea Fencibles.

JAMES HARVEY RATHBUN (1791-1848), son of James⁵ (Valentine⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹). Served as a drummer in Lt. Col. Warren Hecox' 159th NY Regt.

JAMES RATHBUN (unidentified). Served under Capt. James Taylor and Gideon Spencer in the 30th Vermont Regt.

JEREMIAH RATHBUN (1788-1841?), son of Jeremiah⁴ (Joseph³⁻² John¹). Served as a private in Capt. Joseph Bancroft's Co. under Major General Stephen Van Renssalaer, and under Capt. Henry Whiting in the 123rd NY Regt. He was captured by the British, sent to Halifax, Nova Scotia, and held there until after the war.

JOEL RATHBUN (1779-1820), son of Benjamin⁴ (Benjamin³ Joseph² John¹). Surgeon in Major Israel Stoddard's 68th NY Regiment.

JONATHAN RATHBUN (Probably Jonathan Rathbun, 1775-1841), son of Jeremiah⁴ (Joseph³⁻² John¹). Served under Capt. Jedediah Noble in Col. Philetus Swift's 2nd NY Regt.

JONATHAN NILES RATHBONE (1793-1847), son of James⁵ (Valentine⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹). Served in Capt. Edward Burgess' Co. in Lt. Col. Warren Hecox' 159th NY Regt.

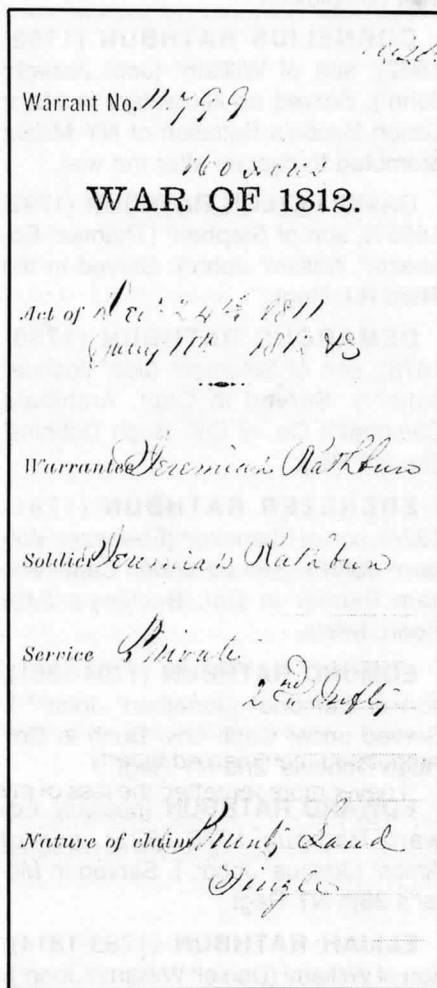
JOHN CLARK RATHBUN (1792-1859), son of Ebenezer⁵ (Thomas⁴ Jonathan³ William² John¹). Served with Capt. Claudius Boughter in Col. Isaac Stone's NY cavalry under General Philetus Swift and later under General Jacob Brown. (See story of his experiences in main article).

JOHN TILLINGHAST RATHBUN (1790-1850), son of Clark⁵ (Jonathan⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹). Served in Capt. Abner Barrett's Co. of Col. Hayes 3rd Ohio Brigade; described as five feet ten inches tall, with blue eyes and dark hair:

JOHN RATHBUN (1783-1859) son of Roger⁴ Samuel³ Thomas² John¹). Served as a Sgt. in Col. Peter Vosburg's 9th NY Regt.; under Capt. James Warren in Lt. Col. Green's Regt., and with Capt. Edward Whitford in Col. William Knickerbocker's 45th NY militia.

JOHN RATHBUN (1796-1854 +), son of Thomas⁵ (John⁴ Samuel³ Thomas² John¹). Served with Capt. Asa Chatfield in Col. Daniel Wright's 90th NY militia.

JOHN RATHBUN (1792-1872), son of Asa⁵ (Thomas⁴⁻³ Samuel² John¹). Served in Capt. Jacob Lyons' 11th Conn. Regt. Described as five feet ten inches tall, with black hair and eyes.



Land Bounty Warrant issued to Jeremiah Rathbun for his service in the War of 1812. (From the National Archives).

JOHN HAZARD RATHBUN (1794-1845?), son of James⁵ (Thomas⁴ Ebenezer³ William² John¹). He was a bugler according to Cooley, and is possibly the John Rathbun who served with Capt. Isaac Brown in Col. Calvin Rich's NY Regt.

MILTON RATHBUN (1797-1822), son of Joseph⁵ (Jonathan⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹). Served under Capt. Chauncey Bills in Col. Jedediah Crosby's NY Regt.

NATHAN RATHBUN (1794-1860), son of Benjamin⁵ (Elijah⁴ Samuel³⁻² John¹). Served as corporal in Col. Jonathan Wheeler's Conn. Regt. and later as sergeant in Col. Roswell Packer's Conn. Regt.

NATHAN RATHBUN (1788-1850 +), son of Simeon⁴ (Thomas³ John²⁻¹). Served as corporal in Belcher's 8th Conn. Regt.

NATHANIEL RATHBUN (1781-1825), son of Samuel⁵ (Nathaniel⁴⁻³ John²⁻¹). Served in Capt. Hunt's Co. in Lt. Col. Solomon Chamberlain's Mass. Militia.

PEARSON RATHBUN (1793-1843), son of Joseph⁵ (Jonathan⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹). Served in Sgt. Ephriam Judd's Co. in an unidentified NY Regt.

ROBERT RATHBUN (1771-1822), son of Jeremiah⁴ (Joseph³⁻² John¹). Served in Capt. Martin Barber's Co. of Col. Henry Bloom's 1st NY Regt.

RUSSELL RATHBUN (1782-1857), son of Simeon⁴ (Thomas³ John²⁻¹). Served in Capt. Seth Sexton's Co. of Col. Christopher Bellinger's 27th NY Regt.

SALAH JONES RATHBUN (1792-1876), son of Simeon⁴ (Benjamin³ Joseph² John¹). Musician in Capt. Amherst Reynolds' Co. of Howe's Conn. Regt.

SAMUEL RATHBUN (1773-1845), son of Samuel⁴ (Thomas³ Samuel² John¹). Served in Capt. Haskell's Co. of Col. Hope Davis' NY Regt.

SAMUEL RATHBUN (1776-1840), son of Elijah⁴ (Samuel³⁻² John¹). Served in Capt. Jonathan Wheeler's Co. of Belcher's 8th Conn. Regt.

SAMUEL RATHBUN (1793-1865), son of Samuel⁵ (Nathaniel⁴⁻³ John²⁻¹). Served in Capt. Hunt's Co. of Colonel Solomon Chamberlain's Mass. Regt.

SAMUEL RATHBUN (Probably Samuel Rathbun 1793-1847), son of Thomas⁵ (Thomas⁴⁻³ Samuel² John¹). Served in Atchinson's NY Regt.

STRICKLAND RATHBUN (1786-1863), son of Simeon⁴ (Benjamin³ Joseph² John¹). Served in Capt. William Muzzey's Co. of Parkhursts' Battalion, NY Militia.

THOMAS RATHBUN (Probably Thomas Rathbun 1793-1866), son of Walter⁵ (Thomas⁴⁻³⁻² John¹). Served in Capt. Ive's Co. of NY Volunteers.

THOMAS RATHBUN (1794-1842), son of Thomas⁵ (Thomas⁴ Jonathan³ William² John¹). Served in Capt. Russell Rose's Co. of Moore's 3rd Conn. Cavalry Regt.

TITUS RATHBUN (1792-1814), son of Solomon⁵ (Job⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹). Served in Capt. Reuben Gray's Co. of Col. Thompson Mead's 17th NY Regt. Died Aug. 10, 1814, in Washington, D.C., presumably in a military hospital.

TRUMAN RATHBUN (1790-1856), son of Ashley⁵ (Isaiah⁴ Jonathan³ John²⁻¹). Served in Capt. Whiting's Co. of Major Leavenworth's 2nd U.S. Infantry.

VALENTINE WIGHTMAN RATHBUN (1792-1876), son of Daniel⁵ (Valentine⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹). Served as a drummer in Capt. Edward Burgess' Co. in NY Regts. commanded by Cols. Erastus Cleveland and George Fleming, under Gen. Alexander Macomb.

WILBUR RATHBUN (1791-1881), son of Jeremiah⁴ (Joseph³⁻² John¹). Served as sergeant in Capt. Elijah Carpenter's Co. of Col. Christopher Bellinger's NY Regt. and also in Collins' Brigade of Gen. King's Division.

WILLIAM PALMER RATHBONE (1782-1862), son of Wait⁴ (Joshua³ John²⁻¹). District paymaster for the U.S. Army in the New York City area.

WILLIAM RATHBUN (unidentified). Corporal in Capt. James Dike's Co. of Col. Hugh Dobbins' 18th NY Regt.

ZEBULON RATHBUN (1784-1867), son of Edmund⁵ (Jonathan⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹). Lieutenant in Lt. Col. Joseph Lawrence's Ontario County (NY) Militia.

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where John Rathbone, our immigrant ancestor, was baptised in 1629.

We will be having lunch in small groups in the homes of various Farnworth residents, followed by a bus tour of the area, including Hough Green, home of John Rathbone, our ancestor. We will also visit the ancient Prescott Church, where John Rathbone's wife, Margaret Acres, was baptised in 1633. In the evening, we will have dinner with local residents in the Farnworth village school.

Then south to the old Roman city of Bath for a tour, and on to London for a busy final two days.

One will include a full-day tour of the city, including such historic sites as Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace and the Tower of London (where a Colonel John Rathbone was imprisoned for treason, and later hung, in 1666). An authentic pub lunch will be included.

On the last day, we will tour the Houses of Parliament with the Hon. John Ransom Rathbone, a member of the House of Commons and a descendant of the Liverpool Rathbones. That night, we will participate in an authentic Elizabethan feast at the imposing Hatfield House, just north of London. It should be a fitting close to a wonderful 10 days.

There is still time to join the trip if you act fast. The cost is about \$2,200 per person. If interested, call me (Frank Rathbun) at 278-8512 (Area Code 703).

Signed up for the "Roots" tour are Grove and Janet Rathbun, Bettye Rathbone, Darrell and Leyta Rathbun, Helen Rathbun, Fred and Shirley Rathbun, Keith and Joyce Rathbone, Frank and Dorothy Rathbun, Rex and Sheila Rathbun, Rhoda Durkan, Lucy Donahue, LaVerne and Marjorie Rathbun, John and Rebecca Dodge, Helen and Lauren Landis, Dr. Earl and Gayle Antes, Elwin and Ellen Kenyon, Margaret Angelini, Virgil and Phara Holdredge, Imogene Hodges, Orlando and Anna Angelini, Howard and Elsie Colborn, LaVerne, Carolyn and Holly Rathbun, and Frank and Hazel Rathbun.

In our issues of July and October, 1984, we had articles on former slaves owned by members of our family who took our family name when they were freed.

Fred C. Rathbun, in researching Freedmen's Records from the Huntsville, Ala., area, has found two more, both apparently former slaves of Rufus Cogswell⁶ Rathbone (Daniel⁵ Valentine⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹), who lived in Huntsville.

William Gaston, aged 32, deposed in 1867 that he was the son of Abram Rathborn, who died in 1862, and Rodal Gaston, who was still living. Gaston said he had one living brother, Samuel Miller, and a sister, Patience Branch.

Charles Rathbone deposed in 1868 that he was about 60 years old and was the son of Andrew and Agey Rathbone, and the husband of Maria Rathbone. He had two brothers, Joseph and Moses, no surnames given.

BLOCK ISLAND visitors last year included several of our members — Leroy and Zella Rathbun of Alliance, Neb., and their daughter, Kim, and Roy Rathbun of Streeter, Ill. All reported being greatly impressed with the cemetery monument in honor of our ancestors, placed by our Association in 1983.

Lincoln

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and decanter, for something shone in each of his hands.

"Just then a shot rang out and Mr. Lincoln seemed partly to rise from his sitting posture and then sank back and his head lunged forward and I saw a little trickle of blood running down his cheek. Mrs. Lincoln screamed and Major Rathbone rose quickly and turned to seize the man, who struck at him with a dirk knife and, breaking loose from Major Rathbone, put one foot on the rail of the front of the box and sprang toward the stage."

Dorn, whose injured leg was later amputated, commented bitterly:

"I never more regretted the loss of my leg than that minute. I could have caught Booth . . . for I was an active lad in those days before my wound. But there I was, helpless. All I could do was cry."

(We thank Paul Rathbun and Beryl Beerenstrauch who each sent us a copy of the newspaper story with Dorn's account. See our Historian of Oct. 1981 for a full story of Lincoln's assassination and Major Rathbone's tragic career.)

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90. DANIEL⁶ RATHBUN (Gideon⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born Sept. 19, 1810, in Belpre, Ohio, and married there April 4, 1831, Margaret Ann Gardner, born Sept. 28, 1813, parentage unknown. They moved in the 1850s to Pike Township, Jay County, Indiana, where Daniel died Feb. 23, 1862. Margaret died July 14, 1894.

CHILDREN

CAROLINE E., born in 1832; married John Hawkins July 24, 1851.

GARDNER, born about 1834; married Sarah Jane Carpenter.

ANGELINE, born about 1836; married (1) Allen P. Belew on Sept. 11, 1856, and (2) Elias Pash on March 3, 1858.

HARRIET, born about 1839; married Martin V. Collins on April 2, 1857.

ALFRED R., born about 1841; married Sarah Allen.

ARDELLA, born about 1843; married Israel Flesher on Dec. 29, 1860.

AUGUSTA, born about 1845; married Grandville Rhoads on Aug. 12, 1866.

THOMAS J., born in October 1847; married Mary Taylor.

JULIUS CLARK, born in April 1849; married Christine Bisel.

91. HIRAM⁶ RATHBUN (Gideon⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born July 1, 1811, in Belpre, Ohio, and moved in 1837 to Pike Township, Jay County, Indiana, where he purchased a 239-acre farm. He married there Feb. 20, 1840, Frances Clark, born Dec. 25, 1819, daughter of William and Lucy (Hardy) Clark. He died in Pike Township Oct. 29, 1889, and Frances died there Feb. 14, 1899.

CHILDREN

LUCY ANN, born Dec. 13, 1840; married Cornelius Whitenack on Oct. 29, 1863.

JOHN JAY, born Nov. 29, 1842; married Sarah E. LaFollette.

MARTHA JANE, born Aug. 22, 1844; married Lyman Beebe on May 11, 1865.

WILLIAM L., born Sept. 4, 1846; married Sarah Ellen Garringer.

92. WILLIAM⁶ RATHBUN (Gideon⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born about 1814 in Washington County, Ohio, and married there April 7, 1840, Frances Stanich (or Stanton?), birth and parentage unknown. She died a short time after their marriage, and on Dec. 11, 1845, he married Melissa Blough, born about 1823, parentage unknown. They moved soon after their marriage to Pike Township, Jay County, Indiana, where he died by 1880. Melissa moved to Jackson Township, Van Wert County, Ohio, and died some time after 1880.

CHILDREN

HIRAM L., born in Feb. 1841; married Lavina Smith.

CHARLOTTE, born in 1843; married Robert Walls (or Walker?) April 29, 1861.

AUGUSTA L., born in 1847; married James H. Collins on July 16, 1865.

GEORGE R., born in 1849; married Rosa Wein.

JONATHAN F., born in Nov. 1851; married (1) Anna C. Ritter, and (2) Allie Smallwood.

?MATTHEW, born about 1852; no further information.

BENJAMIN W., born in March 1854; married (1) Sarah Jane Dailey, and (2) Louise Pangle.

FRANCES A., born in 1857; married James W. Farrell on July 22, 1876.

WILLIAM C., born in March 1859; married Anna M. Dailey.

LUCY, born about 1862; married John F. Wilkins on June 23, 1879.

93. JOHN C.⁶ RATHBUN (Gideon⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born Dec. 11, 1821, in Washington County, Ohio, and married there May 9, 1847, Mary E. O'Brien,

born about 1827, parentage unknown. In 1850, he purchased his father's farm near Belpre from the other heirs, but sold it about 1860 and joined his brothers in Jay County, Indiana. Mary died there in childbirth about 1862, and he married on April 26, 1863, Mary (Bye) _____ Chaddon, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Corbin) Bye, and widow of _____ Chaddon. John died in Jay County on Nov. 23, 1865, and Mary died there Feb. 20, 1873.

CHILDREN

(All by Mary O'Brien)

SAMUEL C., born in June 1848; married (1) (?) Alice Bair, and (2) Ina McClaren.

FRANCINA M., born in 1850; married John Evans Dec. 9, 1868.

CHARLES, born in January 1853; unmarried in 1900.

ELIZA JANE, born about 1856; alive in 1870, no further information.

AMOS, born in February 1858; married Mary Wilhelmina⁶ Rathbun (Daniel⁷ Edmund⁶ Gideon⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹).

EMMA, born about 1862; married John W. Doty (?) April 22, 1883.

94. LEWIS⁶ RATHBUN (David⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born Sept. 22, 1807, in Delaware County, N.Y., and moved with his parents as a young boy to Ames Twp., Athens County, Ohio. He married Oct. 10, 1828, in Washington Co., Ohio, Sarah Kearns, born July 14, 1809, daughter of Jonathan and Katharine (Kinther) Kearns. She died May 18, 1880, at Ames, and he married on July 30, 1882, Mercy (Linscott) Dille, born in April 1823, daughter of Israel Linscott and widow of Absalom Dille. Lewis died Oct. 1, 1885, at Ames, and Mercy some time after 1900.

CHILDREN

GEORGE WASHINGTON, born Nov. 30, 1829; died July 12, 1839.



Lewis Rathbun
(1807-1885)

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RHODA M., born about 1831; married Newton Dougherty on Jan. 1, 1850.

SARAH ELIZABETH, born Feb. 27, 1834; married Andrew E. Ogg on March 23, 1854.

MARY AMANDA, born in June 1837; married Andrew J. Kassler Nov. 4, 1855.

DAVID LEWIS, born Sept. 26, 1842; married (1) Alcinda Evans, (2) Rachel Shannon, (3) Sarah Jane (White) Smith, (4) Carrie McPherson, and (5) Rosetta Mae (Bolin) Frost.

MARVIN M., born April 2, 1844; **died April 13, 1865**, in the Civil War.

95. JOHN RUEL⁶ RATHBUN (David⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born Dec. 13, 1815, in Ames Twp., Athens Co., Ohio. He married Feb. 1, 1835, in Meigs Co., Ohio, Martha Ann Eddy, born Sept. 17, 1815, daughter of Cyrus and Nancy (Vincent) Eddy. He died April 28, 1888, in Ames Twp. and Martha on Oct. 1, 1890.

CHILDREN

RHODA, born Dec. 27, 1835; married William Kierns Dec. 12, 1854.

HENRY, born about 1838; died in 1864 in Andersonville Prison during the Civil War.



Sally (Kearns) Rathbun
(1809-1880)

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ELSIE E., born May 19, 1842; married William Linscott Sept. 17, 1859.

JOHN RANDALL, born Dec. 29, 1845; married Axcie K. Wooley.

GEORGE W., born in 1847; married (1) Jane Linscott, (2) Nancy McKinley, and (3) Lottie Blair.

AMY, born about 1852; married Pinckney Ward on April 19, 1874.

MARY A., born June 7, 1854; married Thomas T. Blair on Feb. 3, 1882, but first had an illegitimate son, Charles E. Rathbun, born April 22, 1877. He married Maud M. Jones April 22, 1916, in Denver, Colorado, and is **probably the Charles E. Rathbun who married Winifred Dinsmore** on Aug. 17, 1935, in Denver. He died in December, 1973. No known children.

96. GIDEON⁶ RATHBONE (Edmund⁵⁻⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born Aug. 6, 1809, in Washington Co., Ohio, and moved with his parents as a young man to Sangamon Co., Ill. He married June 14, 1829, in Springfield, Ill., Eliza J. Howell, born Aug. 30, 1811, daughter of Samuel and Polly Howell. They moved in 1853 to Steamboat Rock, Hardin Co., Iowa, where Eliza died Sept. 9, 1874. He married on April 25, 1876, Lucy Ann (Brooks) Howell, widow of his first wife's brother. She died in June 1889, and

Gideon died Aug. 27, 1892, both at Steamboat Rock.

CHILDREN

EDMUND EARL, born Nov. 17, 1831; married Mary Jane Johnson.

SAMUEL HOWELL, born Oct. 28, 1832; died Feb. 6, 1864, unmarried.

ONATUS C., born Jan. 17, 1834; married Emma Blanchard.

JOHN QUINCY, born July 28, 1837; married Marilla A. Johnson.

NARCISSA, born Feb. 11, 1839; married Hanson Harlan Dec. 30, 1856.

CELICIA, born Sept. 28, 1841; married John Doak on July 13, 1858.

ELECTA, born in April 1843; married John H. Allen Oct. 23, 1865.

MARY J., born May 20, 1845; married Miles S. Gillidette on Jan. 1, 1866.

ISAAC FRANCIS, born April 14, 1847; married Harriet Reed.

VICTORIA ANN, born in May 1849; married Samuel Conger Nov. 11, 1867.

WINFIELD SCOTT, born Jan. 11, 1851; married Annie Walker.

MARIA FRANCES, born Sept. 7, 1854; married John C. Snyder on March 24, 1871.

ANGELA WILDEE, born July 6, 1856; married Stephen Lockwood on May 1, 1875.

97. IRA PEER WEBSTER⁶ RATHBONE (Edmund⁵⁻⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born March 6, 1815, at Belpre, Ohio, and moved with his parents as a boy to Sangamon Co., Ill. He married there Jan. 11, 1837, Sarah Louise White, born about 1817, parentage unknown. She died by 1850, and he apparently married again a short time later, wife's name unknown. She apparently died by 1866, for he married on June 12, 1866, in Atchison Co., Mo., Maria Andrews, birth and parentage unknown. Ira, who was a wagonmaker, died some time after 1900, when he was living in Klickitat Co., Wash. Maria had died by that time.

CHILDREN

(By Sarah White)

MARTHA JANE, born about 1839; married Thomas Smith Jan. 1, 1859.

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ELEANOR, born about 1843; married Charles White.

HARVEY T., born Oct. 21, 1845; married Jennie White.

IRA PEER WEBSTER, born in July 1848; married Mary E. Brown.

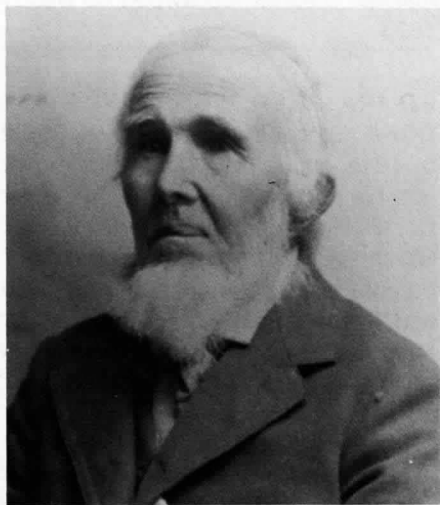
MARY, born in 1850; no further information.

(By unknown second wife)

HANNAH, born about 1854 (?); no further information.

JAMES EDMUND, born about 1856 (?); no further information.

98. CORNELIUS TAYLOR⁶ RATHBONE (Edmund⁵⁻⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born Nov. 12, 1818, in Crawford (now Lawrence) County, Ill. He married July 29, 1843, in McLean Co., Ill., Mary Ann Drain, born about 1820, daughter of Robert Drain. She died May 22, 1850, and he married on Aug. 25, 1851, in McLean Co., Helen Fordyce, birthdate unknown, daughter of Lebbeus and Katherine (Taylor) Fordyce. She died about a year later,



*Cornelius T. Rathbone
(1818-1907)*

and he married on Jan. 3, 1854, her sister, Abigail Fordyce, born March 4, 1836. He moved in 1851 to Iowa, in 1859 to Linn Co., Kansas, later to Missouri, and finally in 1879 to Idaho, where he bought a stock ranch on Silver Creek near Albion. He was a justice of the

peace eight years in Kansas, and eight years in Idaho. In 1892, he described himself as five feet seven inches tall, and weighing 135 pounds. He died March 16, 1907, in Idaho, and Abigail in June 1930, aged 94.

CHILDREN

(By Mary Ann Drain)

MARY E., born in 1844; married Andrew J. Gibson Nov. 10, 1898.

JULIA A., born about 1846; probably died young.

(By Helen Fordyce)

NAPOLEON BONAPARTE, born Oct. 18, 1852; married (1) Senoretta Chamberlain, and (2) Mildred Powell.

(By Abigail Fordyce)

HELEN JOSEPHINE, born Dec. 18, 1854; married Thomas C. Walton on May 25, 1873.

EDMUND, born April 23, 1856; died Oct. 19, 1936, unmarried.

ADELINE (twin), born April 23, 1856; died young.

CLARISSA, born Jan. 3, 1859; died in 1863.

ROSE ANN, born Jan. 9, 1861; married Thomas Cooper Apr. 17, 1880.

CORNELIUS TAYLOR, born about 1863; died about 1865.

ALDA MAY, born March 31, 1865; married Herman Pierson.

LEBBEUS GIDEON, born April 7, 1867; reportedly married his niece, Grace Rathbone (daughter of Napoleon).

LOVICA, born about 1870; died about 1874.

CORA JANE, born July 14, 1872; married John Cooper on May 23, 1889.

CHARLES ERNEST, born June 20, 1874; married Onie _____.

SARAH KATHERINE, born July 26, 1876; married James Stull on Aug. 8, 1892.

EUGENE STEPHEN, born Sept. 19, 1878; married Lucretia Rosetta Rose.

More Revolutionary War Veterans Discovered

In our January 1984 issue we listed all members of our family known to have served in the Revolutionary War. We recently received additional information from the R.I. State Archives which adds five more men to the list, and provides more data on another.

The five additions are:

CLARK RATHBUN (1760-1815), son of Jonathan⁴ Rathbun (John³⁻²⁻¹). Served from July 24 to July 30, 1778, in Capt. Joseph Draper's Co. of Col. Archibald Kasson's R.I. Regt. under the command of General John Sullivan.

GAMALIEL RATHBUN (1757-1830+), son of Thomas⁴ Rathbun (Thomas³⁻² John¹). Enlisted Sept. 20, 1776, at Exeter, R.I., in Lt. Stephen Whitman's Co. for three months. Later in the war, he paid a neighbor, James Bates, as a substitute when he was drafted for service in Exeter.

GEORGE RATHBUN (1743-1800+), son of Joseph³ Rathbun (Joseph² John¹). Listed on Aug. 23, 1778, as a

delinquent from a militia company in Exeter, R.I.

NATHANIEL RATHBUN (1728-1810), son of Nathaniel³ Rathbun (John²⁻¹). Served in Lt. Ephraim Weedon's "Alarm Company" in Col. Holden's Regt. from May 28 to June 12, 1778, and in Capt. Joseph Draper's Co. of Col. Archibald Kasson's R.I. Regt. from July 24 to July 30, 1778, under the command of General John Sullivan.

The additional information is as follows:

TIBBETTS RATHBUN (1755-1820), son of John⁴ Rathbun (John³ Thomas² John¹). In addition to the service listed earlier, he served in Capt. Jonathan Bates' Co. of Col. Charles Dyer's R.I. Regt. from March 6 to April 6, 1777, and was a corporal in Capt. Benjamin West's Co. in Col. John Topham's R.I. Regt. for nine months in 1781. He was described as six feet, one and a half inches tall, with light brown hair and light complexion.

Obituaries

DIED — Dec. 28, 1986, Lyle C. Rathbun, 60, of Lakewood, Colo. He was the son of Thomas Frederick⁹ Rathbun (John⁸ William⁷ John⁶ Perry⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), a member of our Association. Other survivors include his wife, Ruth; a son, Fred; a daughter, Mrs. Nellie Hernandez; two brothers, Marvin, a member of our Association, and Dale; five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

DIED — Feb. 2, 1987, Berrington Rathbun Van Campen, 76, of Vero Beach, Calif. He was the son of Samuel R. Van Campen Jr. and the grandson of Samuel R. Van Campen Sr. and Mary⁷ Rathbun (John⁶⁻⁵ Daniel⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹). He is survived by his wife, Mary; three daughters, Marianne (Mrs. Francis) Decker, a member of our Association; Karen Jansson, and Dr. Lynn Van Campen; one son, Berrington Rathbun Van Campen Jr., and five grandchildren.

DIED — Dec. 19, 1986, Esther Gertrude (Rathbun) Studley, of Providence, R.I., daughter of Elmer⁸ Rathbun (Nathaniel⁷⁻⁶ Nathan⁵ Simeon⁴ Thomas³ John²⁻¹), and the widow of Andrew Studley. Survivors include three children; three brothers, Harold Rathbun, John Rathbun and Russell Rathbun, and two sisters, Olive May Ashton and Grace McCaffrey.

DIED — Feb. 9, 1987, Max Gordon Pfof, 53, of Riverside, Calif. He was the son of our member, Ethel Ann (Rathbun) Pfof, and grandson of George⁸ Rathbun (Usel⁷ John⁶ Alfred⁵ Job⁴ Benjamin³ Joseph² John¹). In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Shirley; three children; two grandchildren; two sisters, and a brother.

DIED — Jan. 29, 1987, Arthur Rathbun, 94, of Odell, Neb. He was a son of Lewis⁸ Rathbun (James⁷ Ebenezer⁶ Perry⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹). The only survivors are stepchildren, step-grandchildren, nephews and nieces.

DIED — Jan. 27, 1987, Wilma Rathburn Allen, 60, of Athens, Ohio. She was the daughter of Willard F. Wallace and Helen Eunice⁹ Rathburn (Roswell⁸ David⁷ Lewis⁶ David⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹). A former Athens County recorder for four terms, she is survived by her mother; her husband, Emory Allen; two daughters; a son; four granddaughters, and two brothers.

DIED — Oct. 19, 1986, Edgar R. Rathburn, 77, of Aurora, Colo. He was the son of William Moore Rathburn, grandson of William Henry Rathburn, and great-grandson of Joseph Rathbone, an early member of the unidentified Rathbones of Haywood County, N.C. He is survived by his wife, Mary; two sons, Kenneth and Robert; two daughters, Nola Jean Rathburn and Marty F. Lucas; a brother Ralph N. Rathburn, a member of our Association, and a sister, Ruth Smith.

DIED — Nov. 23, 1986, Nina Maud (Rathbun) Mitchell, 95, at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. She was the daughter of Frederick⁸ Rathbun (Edward⁷ Charles⁶ Joshua⁵ Amos⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹), and the widow of Alvin E. Mitchell, who died in 1973. She is survived by three daughters, Gayle (Mrs. Earl) Antes and Lorice (Mrs. Virgil) Johnson, both members of our Association, and Jeanne (Mrs. Richard) Hartwig; seven grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and two half-sisters, Marjorie (Mrs. James) Esmay, a member of our Association, and Elva (Mrs. Timothy) Connor.

DIED — Dec. 22, 1986, Helen (Murphy) White, 52, at Ilion, N.Y. She was a daughter of John E. Murphy and Caroline⁹ Rathbun (John⁸⁻⁷⁻⁶ Thomas⁵ John⁴ Samuel³ Thomas² John¹), and widow of Charles J. White, who died in 1985. She is survived by three sons, five grandchildren, five brothers and two sisters.

DIED — Dec. 5, 1986, Albert R. Rathbun, 81, at Humansville, Mo., a member of our Association. He was a son of Edwin Washington⁸ Rathbun (Jacob⁷ Edwin⁶ George⁵ Job⁴ Benjamin³ Joseph² John¹). Among his survivors are three brothers, Jesse and Lee, both members of our Association, and Alfred.

Corrections

In the obituary of Mildred H. Rathbun (Jan. 1987), widow of Forrest O. Rathbun, we speculated that Forrest's father, John Rathbun, was the son of John⁷ (John⁶ Joseph⁵ Joshua⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹). We have since learned that Forrest's father, John, was the son of George⁷ Rathbun (Olney⁶ Joshua⁵ Anthony⁴ Samuel³ Thomas² John¹). Our thanks to new members Warren and Millicent Rathbun. Warren is a son of Forrest Rathbun.

In our January issue, on page 12, we incorrectly listed the marriage date of Ebenezer⁶ Rathbun (Perry⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹) and Martha Hall. They were married May 19, 1817, not 1837. On the same page, Aaron N. Rathbun, son of Joseph⁶ (Perry⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), married Martha (not Mary) Ann Frost. Our thanks to Kathy Phillips, a descendant of Aaron.

In Vol. 6, No. 1, Page 14, we transposed the two husbands of Sarah⁶ Rathbun (Samuel⁵ Jeremiah⁴ Joseph³⁻² John¹). She first married James Vincent on Oct. 2, 1808, and then Henry Baker about 1815. Our thanks to Mary Vincent.

In Vol. 5, No. 3, Page 46, Alice Rathbun, daughter of Baldwin⁵ Rathbun (Thomas⁴⁻³ Samuel² John¹), married John C. Carr on May 19, 1844, not April 19, 1848. Her middle initial was "S" not "C."

Answers

Vol. 5, No. 4 — Charles F. Rathbun, living in Cass County, Neb., in 1900, was Charles Fitch Rathbun (1850-1910), son of John⁷ Rathbun (John⁶ Robert⁵ John⁴ Samuel³ Thomas² John¹). Our thanks to Rob Rathbun.

Vol. 6, No. 3 — William J. Rathburn, who died June 27, 1937, in Portland, Ore., was the son of Benjamin⁷ Rathbun (Philander⁶ Samuel⁵ Simeon⁴ Benjamin³ Joseph² John¹). Again, our thanks to Rob Rathbun.

People

ROY D. AND ANNA MAY Rathbun will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary May 2 in Hemet, California. They were married May 3, 1937. The anniversary celebration is being hosted by their son, George R. Rathbun and his family. All are members of our Association. Roy is the son of George⁹ Rathbun (George⁷ Gideon⁶ Allen⁵ Gideon⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹).

BERYL AND ERVIN Beerenstrauch celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Oct. 19, 1986, in DeWitt, Neb. Beryl is the daughter of Henry⁹ Rathbun (Clarence⁷ Job⁶⁻⁵ William⁴ Job³ Joseph² John¹). She and Ervin, who are members of our Association, were married Oct. 13, 1946, in Dewitt. Attendants were her twin sister, Meryl Zimmerman, and her husband, Russell. The anniversary celebration was hosted by their children and grandchildren.

LORAIN WALTERS of Sterling, Colo., was seriously injured last Oct. 25 in an automobile accident. She spent three months in the hospital, but is now back home and doing very well. She is the granddaughter of Dennis Pennington and Mabel Ethel⁹ Rathbun (Edwin⁷ Ebenezer⁶⁻⁵ Thomas⁴ Jonathan³ William² John¹).

STEPHEN W. SANDS and Loretta Sharp were married Dec. 13, 1986, at Englewood, N.J. Stephen is the son of Edgar Sands and Catherine Mildred¹⁰ Rathbun (Oscar⁹ George⁸ Corbet⁷ Gideon⁶ Tibbetts⁵ John⁴⁻³ Thomas² John¹).

CHARLES GOODREMOTE and Cynthia Bailey were married Nov. 1, 1986, at Racine, Wisc. Charles is the son of Ole Goodremote and Patricia⁹ Rathbun (Elmer⁸ George⁷ Janathan⁶ Thomas⁵ John⁴ Samuel³ Thomas² John¹).

Our New Members

Howard and Hooter Colborn
Alexandria, La.

Florence Erickson
Duluth, Minn.

Marge Esmay
Rockwell City, Iowa

Glenda Faust
Galveston, Texas

George Rathbun Hall
St. Paul, Minn.

Lorice Johnson
Marion, Iowa

Joanne Rathbun
St. Joseph, Mich.

Lowell A. Rathbun Jr.
Cornelius, Ore.

Lt. Col. Robert W. Rathbun
Concord, Calif.

Warren A. Rathbun
Thousand Oaks, Calif.

Warren Lee Rathbun
Deville, La.

William J. Rathbun
Chetek, Wisc.

Betty Shunk
Smyrna, Ga.

Barbara Thornburg
Richfield, Minn.

Births

BORN — Feb. 9, 1987, Elizabeth Ruth Shaw, daughter of David and Sarah (Dana) Shaw, and granddaughter of our members Dr. George W. Shaw and Elizabeth¹⁰ Rathbun (Lawrence⁹ Edward⁸ Oscar⁷ Aaron⁶⁻⁵ Thomas⁴⁻³ Samuel² John¹).

BORN — Jan. 29, 1987, Kyle Jon Wiswall, son of Kevin and April (Soldivieri) Wiswall of Lakewood, N.J., and grandson of our members Joseph Wiswall and Mary¹⁰ Rathbun (Oscar⁹ George⁸ Corbet⁷ Gideon⁶ Tibbetts⁵ John⁴⁻³ Thomas² John¹).

BORN — Dec. 12, 1986, Mathew Dennis Bossie, son of Dennis and Sharon (Rathbun) Bossie. Sharon is the daughter of Fred¹¹ Rathbun (Frank¹⁰ Herbert⁹ Francis⁸ Joshua⁷ Abraham⁶ Joshua⁵⁻⁴⁻³ John²⁻¹).

BORN — Dec. 23, 1986, Kyle Clark Rathbun, son of Jeffrey K. and Christine Rathbun, of Stonington, Conn. Jeffrey is the son of Harold¹⁰ Rathbun (Amos⁹ Charles⁸ Amos⁷ Newman⁶ Jonathan⁵ John⁴⁻¹).

BORN — Feb. 8, 1987, Nicole Renae Rathbun, daughter of Thomas and Claudia Rathbun of Lincoln, Neb., and granddaughter of Paul and Zona Rathbun of Tecumseh, Neb. The parents and grandparents are members of our Association. Paul is the son of Frederick⁸ Rathbun (William⁷ John⁶ Perry⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹).

WE THANK the following members who have sent us family data, pictures, newspaper clippings and other materials in recent months: Rosma Limbeck, Fred C. Rathbun, Paul and Zona Rathbun, John Bowen, Howard and Hooter Colborn, Rob Rathbun, Rhoda Durkin, George Rathbun, Beverly Gillette, Dr. Earl and Gayle Antes, Lauren Landis, Mary Vincent, Jean Waddell, Roy and Anna May Rathbun, Mary Sanders, Bill Lieuellen, Kathy Phillips, Jim Chivers, Joe Wiswall, Betsey Dana, Phyllis Walklet, Frances Higgins, Beryl Beerenstrauch, Alan B. Borer, Warren and Millicent Rathbun, Glen Rathbun, Mildred Rathbun and Roland Rathbun.